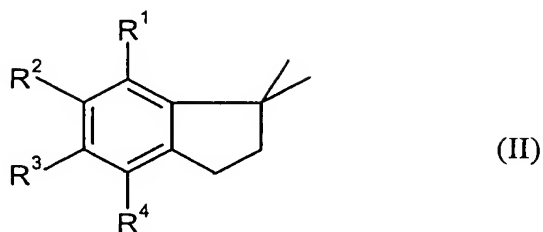


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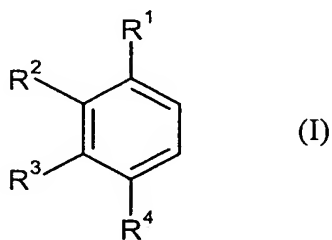
1. Compounds of the Formula (II)



where

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ – independently of one another – can be hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₁-C₈-alkoxy, with the proviso that at least one of these radicals is C₁-C₈-alkoxy.

2. Method for the preparation of compounds according to Claim 1, characterised in that alkoxy-substituted aromatic compounds of the Formula (I)

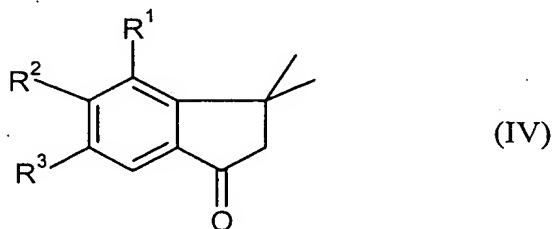


where

R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

are reacted with isoprene in the presence of an acid catalyst.

3. Method for the preparation of compounds of the Formula (IV)



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where

R¹ to R³ have the meaning given in Claim 1,

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characterised in that these are prepared from the compounds of the Formula (II) according to Claim 1 by oxidation.

4. Method according to Claim 3, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out using oxygen as oxidising agent.

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5. Method according to Claim 4, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out in the presence of a compound of the metals manganese, iron, cobalt, chromium, nickel or copper.

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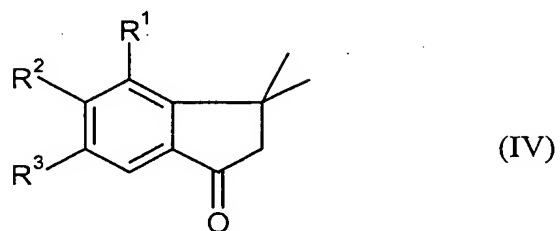
6. Method according to one of Claims 4 or 5, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out in the presence of an N-hydroxy-imide.

7. Method according to one of Claims 3 or 4, characterised in that the oxidation is carried out with the aid of phase transfer catalysis.

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8. Use of compounds according to Claim 1 for the preparation of compounds according to Claim 3.

9. Compounds of the Formula (IV)



5 where

R^1 to R^3 have the meaning given in Claim 1.

10 10. Use of compounds according to Claim 9 for the preparation of
 pharmaceutical or agrochemical active compounds.

11. Use of compounds according to Claim 9 for the preparation of UV filters.